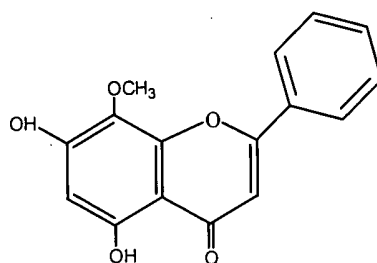


CLAIMS

What is claimed is:


1. A method of preparing a compound of the formula comprising:



- 5 extracting the compound from the roots of *Scutellaria baicalensis* Georgi using a solvent;
filtering the extract;
concentrating the extract; and
forming crystals of the compound from the concentrated extract.
- 10 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the roots of *Scutellaria baicalensis* Georgi are in the form of a powder.
3. The method of Claim 1 comprising multiple extraction steps.
4. The method of Claim 1, wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of dichloromethane or ethanol.

5. The method of Claim 1, wherein the extraction is performed at standard temperature and pressure.
6. The method of Claim 1, wherein the extraction is performed at the boiling point of the solvent.
- 5 7. The method of Claim 1, wherein the crystals formed from the concentrated extract have a purity of from about 85% to about 99%.
8. The method of Claim 1, wherein the product yield is from about 0.2% to about 0.8%.
9. The product obtainable by the method of Claim 1.
- 10 10. The product of Claim 8 contained in a pharmaceutically acceptable formulation.
11. The use of wogonin for the manufacture of a medicament for treating anxiety.
12. The use of wogonin for the manufacture of a medicament for treating anxiety without producing sedative and/or myorelaxant effects.
13. A method of treating anxiety in a patient in need thereof comprising administering an effective non-toxic dose to the patient of a compound of the formula of Claim 1.
14. The method of Claim 1, wherein the dose administered to the patient is from about 0.15 mg/kg to about 1.0 mg/kg.

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15. The method of Claim 1, wherein the dose is administered in a single aliquot.
16. The method of Claim 1, wherein the dose is administered in two or more aliquots.
17. A pharmaceutical package comprising one or more containers filled with the compound of Claim 10.
18. The package of Claim 17 further comprising instructions for using the compound in the treatment of anxiety.
19. A method of treating anxiety in a patient comprising administering an effective non-toxic dose of wogonin to the patient.
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